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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I choose a competitive provider because of better customer service, a faster and more reliable offering, and ultimately transparency in billing, with no hidden fees and artificial promotional pricing. Even though that my family was able to take advantage of competitive offers in our market, there were only a handful of choices, as the large telcos do not permit fair competition. We would greatly appreciate a high number of options, especially considering that internet access is a fundamental part of our lively hood.

Prices of internet access should ultimately be decreasing, over time. Increasing prices are a sign of lack of competition. Internet access increases educational levels, employment opportunities, business opportunities, engages communities and governments, and much more.

Imagine if everyone in the United States had access to 1-gigabit fiber internet at an affordable price. It would fundamentally change our nation. Entire parts of society would be immediately uplifted - giving them access to resources that are currently not possible. Imagine the way business and governments could reach and help people who currently cannot be reached.

If you believe in improving the state of our country, or at the very least, that every resident should have fair access to affordable means of communication, please enact laws and regulations that keep the market for internet access competitive and affordable.

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